## State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, any out-of-school adult aged 16+ can receive free adult education and literacy services through

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc., Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, The

Tutorial Center, and Vermont Adult Learning; and

WHEREAS, these four adult education and literacy organizations ensure adults have the opportunity to

obtain a high school credential; and

WHEREAS, these four adult education and literacy organizations make services available to residents of

every town and county throughout Vermont in order to empower Vermonters to build better lives through education, training and employment, and to strengthen Vermont's workforce and

economy; and

WHEREAS, these four adult education and literacy organizations support adults with barriers to

employment, such as low literacy, disabilities, low income, and long-term unemployment; and

**WHEREAS,** these four adult education and literacy organizations provided services to approximately 1,700

adult Vermonters during COVID-19 recovery in 2022, ensuring those Vermonters had career

and college opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's adult education and literacy services are a key piece of the workforce development

system and serve as the entryway into career readiness and workforce development for many vulnerable Vermonters, those with low literacy, under-education, or those simply in need of

increased skills so they can succeed; and

WHEREAS, these four adult education and literacy organizations support adults in developing goals focused

on bettering their family lives, their academics, and their career and college readiness; and

WHEREAS, these four adult education and literacy organizations provide Vermont's adult immigrants and

refugees with the opportunity to learn English language skills, to obtain citizenship skills and

United States citizenship, to get jobs and to integrate into their new communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont's adult education and literacy services help people build the assets they need to move

out of poverty successfully, as well as the confidence to continue to move toward success

throughout their lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 19 - 23, 2022 as

## ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of

Vermont on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2022.

Philip B. Sco Governor

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Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

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